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YOUR disinterested Care and Compassion for perishing Souls, and your pious Zeal to advance, and enlarge the Kingdom of the great REDEEMER, *by spreading the Savor of his Knowledge among the American Pagans, was so convincingly manifested*

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fessed to all, by your voluntary Acceptance of the important Trust, and becoming Surety for the due Application of the charitable Donations, made through your Hands, for the Use and Support of this Indian *Charity School, and the Furtherance of that Cause, which is its Object, as that it did inspire universal Confidence in the pious Donors, that their Charities were well secured to the pious Purposes for which they were designed. And, at the same Time, You have been, under* God, *the strongest Bulwark to defend and secure Me, and the Cause, against all the mischievous Influence of Envy and Jealousy, as every important Step of my Conduct has been honored with the Approbation of Gentlemen of your respectable Characters, who have, with unwearied Vigilance, and pious Care, made it the Object of your most serious Attention; while, at the same Time, the Cause itself was such, and so conducted, as to admit no Ground of Suspicion, that you were governed therein by any sinister Motives, the whole being continually open to View, and under the Eyes, not only of its Friends, but of Enemies, and such too, as have given sufficient Proof of their Willingness to Slander, even though they could find nothing better than Falsehoods for that Purpose.*

And you have, my ever honored Patrons, not only been a Defence against these Evils from abroad, but my Heart has been greatly encouraged and comforted, and my Hands strengthened by your Countenance and Approbation, under that constant Weight of Cares, and that continued Series of perplexing Tryals, which have been unavoidable in the Execution of this Undertaking.

Indeed, your condescending and friendly Patronage, thus in its Infancy

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Infancy, while it has had a new and untried Course to steer, and so many new, and, heretofore, unexperienced Difficulties and Dangers to encounter, and Enemies abroad, so willing, by any Means, to discredit, discourage, and embarrass the Progress of it, must be considered, as very signal amongst the many Favours of Heaven, by which it has been supported, and has obtained such Reputation in these Colonies.

And, though I can make no Return of Gratitude to you, my ever honored and dear Patrons, adequate to the Benefits, which God *has honored you to be the Instruments of to this Cause; yet, I have now, the Pleasure to congratulate you, on your having in such a Measure received the Joy, which was before you, and was all the Reward you desired, when you undertook the Oversight, and Disposal of that sacred Treasure, viz. that every Opening in Providence (with any encouraging Prospect of Success) to send Missionaries and School Masters into various and distant Parts, to teach the Savages among their own Tribes, and to procure of their Children to receive an Education in this School, has been to the utmost of my Power complied with; and, I think, by the Blessing of* God, *attended with a Success, that has, abundantly, born Proportion to the Expence. And, at the same Time, the Progress of Cultivation of these Lands has been such, as that, if* God *shall graciously dispose his Servants to assist by their Liberality to accomplish the Plan for the present Year, and grant his usual Blessing upon the Labours of our Hands, there will be an annual Income sufficient to support those, I now have with me, on Charity, and likely, within a few Years*

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Years, a much larger Number; and this by a Fund here, as safe and permanent, as the Soil.

This Joy, my honored Patrons, you have in Hand, and as an Earnest of the Principal, which yet remains for all your disinterested Labours of Love, both which, your Work and your Reward, are with the LORD, *who is not unrighteous to forget you. And, though you have now accomplished that, which was first your Motive to form yourselves into a Board, yet, since so many and great Advantages otherwise have been, and may reasonably be supposed will be found to accrue to the general Design thereby, may I not hope in that Source of divine Influence, from whence you were disposed at first to undertake, that you will yet be disposed to vouchsafe your kind Patronage still, in the same united Capacity, at least, till this Seminary shall be well through the present Struggles and Perils of its Birth.*

But, whatever you in your Wisdom, shall judge to be expedient, or however GOD *shall dispose your Hearts, as to such Connection between yourselves, I shall yet have the Pleasure of reflecting on the many Assurances I have received of the Singleness of your Hearts, and the Sincerity of your Friendship towards this Cause of the* REDEEMER; *and shall consider you, in whatever Capacity you may be, as being in some Measure, essentially in the same Connection with it. And shall accordingly with Confidence expect any Expressions of your Friendship and Kindness towards it, as you shall have Opportunity, and see Occasion for the same.*

And when you shall see no other Way for the Exercise of your Charity

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Charity and Benevolence towards it, that you will still continue to carry me and that upon your Heart, in your daily and fervent Addresses at the Throne of divine Grace.

And, that God *may graciously lengthen out your valuable Lives, and honor you with great Usefulness in your respective Departments to your latest Moments, and reward all your Labours for him, with distinguishing Crowns of Glory at last, is the earnest Prayer of him who is, with sincerest Duty, Gratitude, Affection and Esteem,*

Right Honorable, Honorable, and worthy Sirs,

Your often and much obliged,

and most dutiful, and devoted

Humble Servant,

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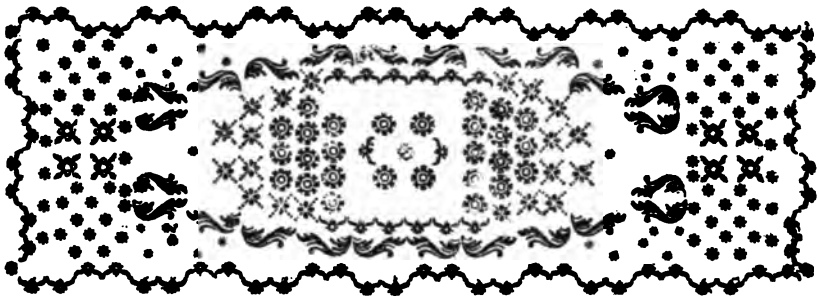

A CONTINUATION OF THE NARRATIVE, OF THE INDIAN CHARITY-SCHOOL, &c.

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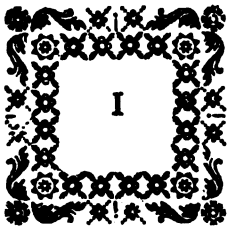

IN my last Narrative, I mentioned a Purpose of sending Missionaries to itinerate in the Province of *Quebec*. And accordingly, as soon as the Streams and Ways would allow, and necessary Provision for the long and expensive Tour could be made, Messrs. *Frisbie* and *Deane* sat out as Preachers, last Spring, on the new, and hitherto unattempted Enterprize, with Design to penetrate as far as God in his Providence should o-

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pen a Door for their preaching among the Savage Tribes in the Wilderness. And with them also went *Thomas Walcott*, a Member of this College, about 16 Years old, with a View, (if such a benevolent Sachem could be found, as might be safely trusted) to be left in such a situation, in one of their Tribes, as might give him the best Opportunity and Advantages to make himself Master of a Language, that might furnish him for a most extensive Usefulness, in the Capacity of a Missionary among them in some future Time, when he shall have finished his Course of Learning, for that Purpose, in this College.

But, I need not trouble my Reader here with a particular Account of this Mission, nor of the many concurring Circumstances inviting them to leave Master *Walcott* among the Tribe, at *St. Francis*, from whence they brought to this School, Four Boys whose Grand Parents were captivated from *New-England*, by that Tribe many Years ago, when they were quite Young. There they were naturalized, and there they married, and there they have left a numerous Offspring.

Nor need I give Account of Mr. *Kendal*'s Mission to *Caghnawaga*, &c. as these Accounts will be given by the Missionaries themselves, in an Appendix hereto annexed.

These Four Children, and also the Two Children of captivated Parents, who came with Mr. *Ripley* (of which I gave some Account in my last Narrative) are all between Ten and Fourteen Years Old, and all appear promising.----They attend the Duties and Exercises appointed them in the School, with great Chearfulness and Diligence, and make good Proficiency.-----The Two who came with Mr. *Ripley*, can read pretty well in the New Testament; and begin to speak English with Freedom; and can understand the most that is said, in Discourses of common Affairs. I find them all easy to go-

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vern, and I judge they have been under Government in the Families, to which they belonged.

THE Language of those from St. *Francis*, I understand to be nearly the same as is spoke by the Eastern Indians, and also, by several large Tribes, far West in the Wilderness.

AND though they were born among the *Indians*, and have been exposed to partake of their national Vices, as much as Cohabitation, and such early Connections could inspire; yet they appear to be as sprightly, active, enterprising, benevolent towards all, and as sensible of Kindnesses done them, as English Children commonly are.

AND if God shall graciously grant his Blessing on Endeavours used to qualify them for Usefulness, I think there is a more encouraging and animating Prospect, than has ever yet appeared in any Instance, that by their means, the Knowlege of the true GOD and SAVIOUR, may be spread far and wide, among several large and distant Tribes, where CHRIST has not yet been named.

TO THESE were added, about the same Time, a Boy which came with Mr. *Kendal*, from *Cagbnawaga*, and another from *Stockbridge*, and two before in the School, all nearly of the same Age.

THESE Ten Boys are of an Age, which all know peculiarly requires not only the Prudence, Fidelity, and Care of a Master to instruct and govern them at School, but also the Piety and Benevolence of a Mother to inspect their Morals, and form their Minds and Manners to Rules of Religion and Decency, when they are out of School, and also to inspect, and repair their Apparrel, and inure them to Decency and Cleanliness, in their daily Appearance in Public.

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THE well performance of these Offices, has been found by constant Experience, in all Ages and Nations, to be of great Influence in forming Youth for future Usefulness in Life, and it may reasonably be supposed to be of greater Importance to none, than those, when they emerge out of Paganism, and from under the Influence of such Examples, as most of these have had before them from their Mother's Womb.

I HAVE all along found great Difficulty to procure such, as were both skilful, and disposed to give such constant, motherly Attention, as is necessary to the due Performance of these Offices; and found the Difficulty so great, that I have been almost without Hope of finding one properly qualified for such a singular and important Service, till of late, by some unexpected Occurrences in Providence, which I can't but take Notice of as a very signal Appearance of the Hand of GOD, ample Provision has been made to supply this Necessity.

MRS. *Elizabeth Walcott* of *Boston*, (Mother to *Thomas Walcott*, now with the Indians at *St. Francis*,) a Gentlewoman of Piety, and distinguishing Zeal to relieve the Needy, especially of the Houshold of Faith---and is of a lively, chearful, and enterprising Temper, and (above many others) has been forward, when Opportunity presented, to exert herself, in her Place, to help forward this Cause of the REDEEMER, was obliged, on the Blockading the Harbour of *Boston*, to quit the Business, on which she depended for her Support there, and, being invited by several Gentlemen to join them in a Trade in this Vicinity, she came pursuant to their Invitation; but, before her Arrival, and before she had any Knowledge of it, by some Change of Affairs, the Door for her Improvement in such a Capacity was wholly shut----She arrived five Days before these Boys from the Northward came, or we had heard of their coming; and while she was waiting the Disposal of Providence, and turning her

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her Thoughts what Course to take, they came with Mr. *Frisbie*, *October* 6, which, at once seemed to open to View the kind Design of her long and tedious Journey of eight Days, to meet with such a Disappointment of the Business she expected----- She, with great Chearfulness, undertook the important Service proposed to her, of the immediate Care of the ten Boys, to perform every Office of a christianMother for them,in which providence provided a Fullness of Business for her, and her little Daughter, who came with her---I told the Children by an Interpreter, that she was mother to the Lad, who was left among their Relations, and that she would be theirMother----the Children appeared to be much pleased and comforted by this, in their great Distance and Seperation from their Friends, and among a People of a strange Language---and it was not a little affecting to see the natural and undissembled Expressions of their filial Fondness towards her, their Confidence in her, and filial Fear to displease her, which appeared in all their Conduct and Behaviour towards her---and it still continues. They appear to be as fully contented and easy, as if they were at a Father's House; and neither of them has yet manifested the least Desire to return Home. And this is the more remarkable, as it was so lately, viz. towards the Close of the last War, that Major *Rogers*, and his Party made such Havock among that Tribe: and (as we understand by these Boys, since they begin to talk English,) some of the Indians had used their Endeavours to inspire a Fear. that they would meet the same Kind of inhuman Treatment from the English, when they should come among them.

They continue constant and chearful in going to, and orderly in attending the School, and make laudable Proficiency---- they appear ambitious to excel in Knowledge, as well as in forming their Manners, in every Respect, by the Rules their Mother and School Master give them---and they are, at present,

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ſent, by far the moſt promiſing ſet of Youths, I have ever yet had from the Indian Country.

And it may not be diſagreeable to my Reader, to have ſome Account of the Proviſion a kind Providence has alſo made of a Maſter to inſtruct theſe, and the reſt of my Indian Scholars.

When I was in *Connecticut* laſt Spring, *Jacob Fowler* of the *Montauck* Tribe, who received his Education in this School ſome Years ago in *Connecticut*, and, ſince he left it, has ſupported a good religious and moral Character, as well as a Character for ſingular Modeſty, and good Parts and Learning for an Indian; and as ſuch, has been for ſeveral Years employed in teaching School, among the *Six Nations*, and alſo in the Indian Towns in *New-England*---and has been alſo ſometimes employed as a public Teacher of their Tribes, applied to me in Diſtreſs, and repreſented to me, that the ſmall Allowance of about £. 15 Sterling, together with all the Advantage he could get Leiſure to make to himſelf by cultivating Indian Land, had not been ſufficient to ſuppott him, and his ſmall Family ſo, but that he had been neceſſitated to involve himſelf in Debt for a Subſiſtence, and that he ſaw no Way to diſcharge his Debts, but by leaving the Buſineſs he was in, and betaking himſelf to Huſbandry. He appeared much dejected in Spirit, and diſcouraged---I adviſed him to make proper Application to his Employers for Relief, and if he could not obtain it ſo, I adviſed, that he ſhould ſeek ſuch Sureties, as his Creditors would be well ſatisfied with, and retire to me, and inſtruct the Indians of this School. He proceeded according to theſe Steps, and arrived here with his Wife, a few Days after theſe Children from *St. Francis* came hither, and has taken the Charge of them, and the reſt of the Indians in the School, in which Mr. *Dean* is the Maſter and Inſtructor of the Latin Scholars. And thus they are furniſhed with Means of an Education moſt agreeable to my Mind, as well as to their's---and I may add, that by the Failing of a Man who was expected to come about this Time,

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Time, with his Family to take the Overſight of the Huſbandry of the College Farm, a ſmall but convenient Houſe was at this Juncture vacant and at Liberty, in which Mr. *Fowler* and his Wife has a convenient Room at one End, and Mrs. *Walcott* and her Daughter a Room, and Bed Chamber at the other, and theſe Children provided with a Lodging Room under the ſame Roof; where they retire from School, and ſo are under the Eyes of their proper Inſpectors, both in, and out of School.

Another Circumſtance, which appears not a little favourable in this Diſpoſal of Providence, and which I think worthy of Notice, is that Mr. *Fowler*, quite unexpectedly, and to his Surprize, finds that theſe Boys from *St. Francis*, ſpeak nearly the ſame Language with his Nation, and that, with very little Pains, he can preach freely to them, and conſequently, to many large Tribes far diſtant, in their own Tongue---He is now employed in a School, ſufficiently large for one to attend upon. and is under good Advantage to employ all leiſure Hours, in furniſhing himſelf for the ſacred Miniſtry in the Wilderneſs, and purpoſes, at the Call of Providence, to receive Ordination, and a regular Introduction thereto.

And indeed, it appears to me, that the coming of theſe Boys to this School, with all theſe concurring Circumſtances, exhibits the moſt encouraging, and animating Proſpects of future Succeſs to this great Deſign, that has ever yet opened to View in this Land. If God ſhall graciouſly make theſe Youths the ſubjects of his ſpecial Grace, and furniſh them with all neceſſary Knowlege, and ſend them forth on that Work, may we not hope that their united Force will be terrible againſt the Kingdom of Darkneſs, in the Wilderneſs.

And this Proſpect is yet further, I think, much increaſed, by the propoſed Removal of the principal *Indians* of the Tribe at *Montauck*, with all the chriſtianized and civilized *Indians* of the

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the ſeveral Towns in *New-England*, to ſettle in a Body in the Heart of the Country of the *Six Nations*, which is expected to be effected next Summer. This is in Conſequence of an Application, made under the Countenance, Aſſiſtance and Direction of Sir *William Johnſon*, by Mr. *Occom*, *Joſeph Johnſon*, *Jacob Fowler*, and others delegated by the ſeveral Tribes for that Purpoſe. In Conſequence of which, they have obtained and well ſecured a Tract of choice Land, Fifteen or Twenty Miles ſquare, where they deſign to ſettle in a Body, as a civilized and chriſtian People, and cultivate thoſe Lands for their Subſiſtence; and alſo by them, as ſoon, and as far as they ſhall be able, to ſupport all Divine Ordinances and Schools among them; and invite their Savage Brethren to an imitation of them, and a Participation of all theſe Benefits and Privileges with them. They purpoſe to have, as far as may be, of their own Sons for Miniſters and School-Maſters.------ And from this Place, their Miniſters may with much leſs Expence, make Excurſions among the Tribes round about them, and their School will be near and convenient to receive the Children of ſuch, as ſhall deſire a Chriſtian Education for them.

This has been effected principally, by the Agency of Mr. *Occom* and *Joſeph Johnſon:* the latter of which has been abundant, and unwearied in his Labours to accompliſh it, and in this there appears to be a moſt cordial Concurrence and Approbation of all the adjacent Tribes.

This *Johnſon* was educated in this School in *Connecticut*, and ſince he left it has for ſome Years kept School among the *Onoidas*, and in ſome of the *Indian* Towns in *New-England*, and is, in a Judgment of Chriſtian Charity, a real Chriſtian, and is become a zealous Preacher of Christ among the *Indians*. He is a Youth of good natural, and conſiderable acquired

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quired Abilities, and is much esteemed among the Indians, and bids fair to be a good Preacher.

He began to teach publicly among the Indians with the Approbation of Mr. *Occom*, and several Parties, which occasionally invited him----but was not easy with such an Introduction, being of Opinion, that the Dignity and Importance of that sacred Work demanded, and that the Word of God enjoined a more public and solemn Approbation and Investiture by the Ministers of Christ, who have the Care and Charge of that Matter, committed to them by Jesus Christ.

He accordingly came hither, at our public Commencement last *August*, and offered himself to Examination by a voluntary Council of Ministers of the Gospel, who were here upon that public Occasion; who, at his Desire, associated for that Purpose, before whom he performed the several Exercises, appointed him in his Examination, to their good Satisfaction, of which they gave their joint Testimony, with a Recommendation to the sacred Work; and thereupon, in Compliance with an Invitation given him, he prayed and preached, publicly, in a learned and numerous Assembly, to universal Satisfaction; which they testified by a handsome Collection, at the Close of the Service, made for him, to assist him in the Payment of his Debts. He purposes, at a proper Season, to receive Ordination to the Gospel Ministry, and to remove and settle with his Brethren, who are removing into the Wilderness.

And as he was, for some Time, a School-Master among the *Onoidas*, he is already, considerably acquainted with the *Oneida* and *Mohawk* Language, and will likely, by a little more Acquaintance with them, be able to preach to them freely without an Interpreter; and also, as he (as well as *Jacob Fowler*) Speaks nearly the same Language of the *St. Francis* Indi-

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ans, and many large Weſtern Tribes, it is to be hoped, they may jointly, in ſome future Time, be uſeful in extenſive Miſſions, where no Miſſionaries have yet been.

The Number of Indians in this School, ſince my laſt Narrative, has been from 16 to 21, and the whole Number of Charity, or dependant Scholars, has been about 30, and the whole Number of dependant and independant Scholars, in the College and School, about an Hundred.

The Number of Miſſionaries, the laſt Seaſon, was Three, beſides *Thomas Walcott*, who is yet ſupported among the Indians.

I have had Opportunity, the laſt Year, to ſee more fully the miſchievous and fatal Conſequences of Connections, formed or allowed by Scholars, with Gentlemen of profane and immoral Converſation abroad, and have had full Evidence, that one Sinner, in ſuch a Seminary, is capable of deſtroying much Good, while he ſerves, as a Medium of Communication between ſuch Men, and his Fellow-Students, and is diſpoſed to introduce ſuch to as large Acquaintance, and great Familiarity with them as he can, and is malevolent enough to furniſh ſuch Adverſaries from Abroad, with all Advantages poſſible, to injure the Seminary and the Governors and Directors of it, by expoſing and aggravating ſuch Defects, as accrue only through ſmall Miſtakes, Inadvertencies, or by ſpecial, unforeſeen, and unavoidable Providences of God, which ought to have been conſidered only as a Frown of Heaven, and a righteous Rebuke of God's Hand upon themſelves, and not as any Fault in thoſe, to whom they unkindly imputed it, as Matter of Blame, and made it an Occaſion of Reproach, by their withholding Part of the Truth, and a baſe diſguiſing of Facts, in their Repreſentations of them, &c. By Means of a few ſuch malevolent

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malevolent Inſtruments, a whole Country may be filled with Slanders and Lies; which, after paſſing through a Number of Hands, and confirmed by ſeveral Authorities, may gain Credit with Gentlemen of the beſt Characters, though none more credible than a *Gaſbus* had ever ſaid it.

I WAS early aware of this Evil, and exerted myſelf, what I could, to prevent and ſtop the Progreſs of it. I ſoon found the Evil to be very obſtinate, and difficult, on many Accounts, to remedy.---The Affairs of this Seminary, otherwiſe than what ſeemed thus to threaten it from a few Individuals, wore an agreeable Aſpect, the Youth generally orderly, and well-behaved---Love and Peace in general prevailed, inſomuch, that there was ſeldom, if ever, Occaſion for Reproof, excepting of this ſmall Number, chiefly on Account of their fond and unguarded Aſſociation: and Connection with ſuch, whoſe polite, and too faſhionable Converſation was very Infectious, *And whoſe Words eat, as doth a Canker.*

I WAS taken Sick in the Beginning of April laſt, and, for ſome Weeks, was confined to my Houſe---As ſoon as I was able to ſet upon my Horſe, my Phyſicians adviſed me to a long Journey, from which I returned in June, and was much affected and ſurprized to find what Havock the Adverſary and his Inſtruments had made, and the Diſorder and Confuſion he had ſpread here.---I found much Occaſion for Fortitude and Reſolution, and the more on Account of the Credit the Slanders and Lies had now gained, far and near. But, by diſmiſſing a few of my Students, all returned ſoon to their former State of Peace and good Order, and ſo have continued until this Day. And the moſt of the Youth ſeemed to receive ſuch Conviction of the Source of the paſt Calamity, and the Channel and Inſtruments by which it had been introduced, and ariſen to ſuch a Height, as diſpoſed them, in their ſeveral Claſſes, of their own

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own Accord, and with a general Unanimity, and in ſome Claſſes, intirely with one Heart, by their Reſolves, to ſet up a Standard, ſo far as in them lay, againſt every thing that might have a Lead to ſuch Evils in Time to come. This Conduct of my Students ſeemed moſt evidently to proceed from a good Cauſe, and has been as evidently attended, and followed with the Bleſſing of God.---Nothing has ſeemed more effectually to ſhame and diſcourage wicked Inſtruments, or ſtop the Mouths of their Abettors. And to this God ſeems to have further teſtified his Approbation, by pouring out a Spirit of Conviction upon a Number of the Students of late, which, in a Judgment of Charity, has iſſued in ſaving Effects, in a Number of Inſtances: And I hope in God to ſee Evidences of the ſame effectual Work in many others, who at preſent appear to have ſome real Conviction of their periſhing Neceſſity of the renewing Work of the Spirit of Grace; and hitherto the Work has appeared to be very genuine, and the Fruits of it very good.

The Progreſs of Huſbandry on this Farm, the laſt Year, has not been equal, in every Reſpect, to my Hopes, by Reaſon that the Seaſon proved ſo wet, as not to favour ſome Branches of it. However, the Progreſs of it, and Benefit by it, has been very conſiderable.---I have raiſed and reaped upon the School Land, the laſt Year, about 300 Buſhels of choice Wheat---but the Crop of Indian Corn fell much Short of my Expectations, being but about 250 Buſhels ---I have fitted and ſowed, the laſt Seaſon, about 25 Acres of Wheat on new Land, and about 15 Acres of Rye; but have done it under the Diſadvantage of not being able ſufficiently to burn the Traſh upon the Surface, which occaſioned much more Labour and Expence in preparing the Ground, and the proſpect of a Crop is much leſs.

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I HAVE cut 60 Tons of good Hay the laſt Seaſon, and have a Proſpect of a very conſiderable Addition to that Quantity the next, if Providence ſhall favour it.

I have begun to prepare, and have a Proſpect, that I ſhall fit about 60 Acres of new Land to ſow with Wheat the next Seaſon. I have improved about 12 or 14 Oxen, and about 20 Cows, the Property of the School, and have a Proſpect of Plenty for their Support for Summer and Winter, and I find already the great Benefit of having wherewith to do it this Winter, without the Fatigue and Expence of going 40 Miles for my Hay, as I have been forced to do 'till this Year.

I have been obliged to employ a large Number of Labourers to bring the Affair of the Farm to ſuch a Ripeneſs, beſides thoſe, employed in building my own Houſe, and other Buildings, neceſſary to accommodate my Students, and muſt employ a large Number the enſuing Year to compleat that which I have begun, and make ſuch Fences as will be neceſſary to ſecure Improvements.

I have been, and now am making Proviſion of Boards, Bricks, Stone, &c. for the new College, propoſed to be erected here, and expect, by the coming Spring, to have expended all that has been generouſly contributed by this Province, and others for that Purpoſe; and hope GOD will graciouſly open other Reſources, by which I may be enabled to accompliſh that moſt neceſſary Deſign, without which the Growth and Progreſs of this Inſtitution muſt be ſtinted.

IN order to perform the Duty required in the Charter of the Townſhip of *Dorcheſter*, about 12 Miles from this Place, and to ſecure the Intereſt of this School in that Town, I have cleared (*i. e.* ſufficient for burning, and ſowing with Hay Seed, when

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when the Seaſon will allow) 116 Acres of choice Land, where may eaſily be made ſeveral good Farms, convenient to be leaſed for the Benefit of the School.

I HAVE alſo been at large Expence in the Townſhip of *Landaff* (which belongs to this School) where I have built a comfortable Dwelling-Houſe, without any unneceſſary adorning---and have alſo built a good Saw-Mill, very conveniently ſituate on a good Stream, and have nearly paid for the building of a Griſt-Mill by it, which will be convenient for a large Number of Cuſtomers; from which the School has a Proſpect of conſiderable Advantage ſoon---My Labourers there have cleared and ſowed eleven Acres of Wheat and Rye, well conditioned and made conſiderable Proviſion for Paſturing and and Mowing---My Overſeer there offers to become bound, that, with the additional Expence of 30l. Sterling, I ſhall be able, the Seaſon after next, with the common Bleſſing of Providence, to cut 100 Tons of good Hay.---The Roads, neceſſary for travelling ſundry Ways through the Townſhip, are moſt of them cut, and made feaſible---a Charter of Incorporation, endowing the Town with uſual Town Privileges, is now granted.---The Soil of the Town is exceeding good, and the Situation of it quite agreeable and inviting---and it ſeems there need be but little more Expence, than only laying out the Profits of what has been already done in the Town, for a few Years, in order to enlarge the Improvements to ſuch a Degree, as will make a very conſiderable yearly Income for the Uſe and Benefit of this School.

I HAVE alſo introduced, and ſet up, a Blackſmith in this Neighbourhood, and made Proviſion of Stock and Tools for three Fires: from whence, I hope, there will accrue ſome annual Profit to this School, as well as great Encouragement and Benefit to the Settlers.

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The carrying these Things to this Height, (all will believe, who knows the Circumstances of the Affair,) has not been without great Expence, though God has graciously made every thing I have yet taken in hand here, in pursuance of the general Design, to prosper, I think, to the Admiration of all judicious Beholders.

Further, and large Expence is yet necessary to bring them to such Ripeness, as to make the School independant, which I hope yet to see.---I apprehend, that 1000l. Sterling, well laid out, will carry it so far, that there will be a Fund sufficient to support an Hundred Indian Boys, or that Number of English Youths on Charity, and a Fund as permanent as the Soil, and the yearly Value of it may be still increasing, for Years to come, by new Improvements made of other Lands belonging to the School, 'till all the School Land shall be brought under the best Cultivation.

These Things being laid together, appear to me (and I am persuaded I shall not be found alone in my Apprehensions) to exhibit the fairest, by far the fairest Prospect of future Success to this great Undertaking, that ever yet opened to View in our Western Wilderness.---Such a Collection, from their several Tribes of civilized, orderly, and good Members of Society, and many of them, in a Judgment of Charity, real godly, zealous Christians, who have the Cause of the Redeemer and the Salvation of Souls truly at Heart,---to incorporate with, and settle in the Midst of the Six Nations, under such Advantages to instruct them, and invite them by their Example, to form their Manners by the Laws of God, and there also furnished with a Number of their own Sons, well qualified and disposed to serve them as Ministers and School-Masters, and these in a Situation, so convenient to make Excursions as Evangelists among other remoter Tribes, with whom we have yet had little or

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or no Acquaintance; and among those, whose Language (we now understand) these Missionaries will be able, with little Difficulty, to speak freely---and their Introduction among them may be without expensive Ceremony, or any Danger of raising such Jealousies, and evil Surmisings, as they have always conceived against English Missionaries, at their first coming among them---also their being under such singular Advantages, agreeably to receive such of any Tribe, as they should find disposed to come to their Schools, to be instructed in all useful and necessary Learning, and this to be done by their Brethren, incorporated with them, and of the same Blood---add to this, also, the Prospect, that these now with me, from various and distant Tribes, will likely soon succeed, and join them in the same general Design---who will be endowed with such important Qualifications, as they will have from their Birth, and early Education among them, and such as Art could not give.

I HAVE, also, a sober and religious Youth of the *Narraganset* Tribe, now in his second Year in College---and another of the *Stockbridge* Tribe, who is near fit to enter College, and another uncommonly promising, of the *Huron* Tribe,* who is Master of the *French* and *Mohawk* as well as *Huron* Languages, and appears hitherto virtuously disposed, and is of a manly, sprightly, and enterprising Genius---all of whom, before-mentioned, bid fair to be useful among their Brethren, in a public Character.---And there are several, besides these mentioned, who were also educated at this School, and were well fitted for, and have been employed as School-Masters, who design to remove with their Brethren to their new Settlement.---And add to these a Number of pious English Youth with me, fitting and fitted to go

* *This is One of the Two, who came with Mr.* Ripley, *mentioned in my last Narrative, his Companion returned last Fall at the Desire of his needy Mother.*

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go upon that Errand, when, and wherever Providence shall open a Door for their Employment therein.

I MAY add to all this, the very favourable Opinion, which (as I am informed) some of the Northern Tribes entertain of the Design of this Scool. The Sachem of the Tribe at *St. Francis*, (whose Son was one who came with Mr. *Frisbie*) sent me Word, that he had more Sons, and designed to send them all, as soon as they were big enough, to be educated in this School; with other Expressions of Respect, of the like Nature, from others.

THESE Things, I say, of which I have only hinted, being laid together, with the present Prospect of a Fund here, for their Support, do indeed present to my Apprehension, such a Prospect of future Prosperity to that dear Cause, which is the first Object of this Seminary (I say it again) as, I think, never was yet before us. I trust it is verily the Cause which GOD designs to own, and prosper, for his own Name's sake; but how soon, and to what Degree, is not for uninspired Man to say. And though he may suffer Enemies, by Means and Methods ever so ungenerous and unrighteous, to embarrass the Progress of it, by stopping Resources on which it depends for Support; yet I hope he will according to his former Loving Kindness, in due Time, provide other Ways and Means for the Supply of its Necessities; and that all Opposition made to it, will only be an Occasion of greater Glory to his own Great Name.

I HAVE thought it to be my Duty, in this Affair, which has heretofore, and must necessarily still depend upon Supplies in Ways, and by Means, and Instruments unforeseen, as far as I could, to follow the pointing of Providence in the Execution of it, there being in many Cases, no clearer Discovery of the Pleasure of GOD, than in such a Way, to be expected; and agreeable thereto, to continue, or inlarge my Number of Indi-

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an Children, as Providence ſhould open the Door for their coming.

The ſame I have thought, with Reſpect to ſending Miſſionaries where there ſhould be a fair Opening and Proſpect of Succeſs in any Quarter.---And I have apprehended, that ſuch a Diſtruſt of Providence, for future Supplies, as ſhoulddiſcourage or leſſen the Improvement of preſent Ability, would in this Caſe be quite unjuſtifiable; ſince the Will of God is ſo clearly revealed, with Reſpect to our Object, viz. the publiſhing the Great Salvation among the Savages;---according to this Principle, I have endeavoured to proceed, but not without Hopes, that Supplies from beyond the Seas might be continued, 'till the Expence of the Deſign might be ſupported by Means which are providing Here. And though Providence has now cut off my Expectations from that Quarter, it has made Proviſion for ſome preſent Relief of my Neceſſities another Way

The Money in the Hands of my ever honoured Patrons in *London*, is now all exhauſted, and the preſent Situation of our public Affairs ſuch, as forbids all Expectation of ſuch Recruits, as I hoped might be made by their paternal and friendly Aſſiſtance, and not only ſo, but I am alſo, for Reaſons, and by Means not yet fully known to me, prevented other foreign Aſſiſtance, in the Support of my School, which I ſuppoſed I had juſt Reaſon to expect. Theſe trying Circumſtances come up to View now, when I have many of my Labourers to pay---about Thirty Charity Scholars, Engliſh and Indian upon my Hands;---one, viz. *Thos. Walcott*, to be ſupported with the *Indians*:---No Proviſion made of Cloathing to cover them, and the Expence for doing it, at this Diſtance in the Wilderneſs, very great---neceſſary Inſtructors, &c. to ſupport, and no Penſion for any.---The Cultivation of theſe Lands not yet carried to ſuch Perfection, as to ſupport theſe Expences, nor ſufficient to hire the Labour neceſſary the enſuing Year, to complete that which

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which I have begun.---And yet, so great is God's Goodness, I am not left in Distress, as I must have been, under the Weight that has been constantly upon me, if these Occurrences had happened at any former Period since I came into this Wilderness. A careful, watchful Providence, a little before these Things came up to View, without any Forethought or previous planning of any one in the World, to provide for the Case, had made Provision for this important Occasion.

The Honorable *John Philips*, Esq; of *Exeter*, whom God has graciously honoured, both with Ability, and a good Heart, as a good Stewart of the manifold Grace of God, to be unwearied in his Liberalities for the Furtherance of the Redeemer's Cause, did at our last Commencement here make a Donation of 600l. Lawful Money, for the Furtherance of the Design of this School, (which being added to other Donations he has made to it, since it came into this Wilderness, completes 1000l. Lawful Money, besides several generous Donations he made to it, while it was in its Infancy, before it came here) and to be applied, as there should be Occasion: And for the Safety of it, in Case he should die, before it should be expended, he deposited it in the Hands of the Trustees of this College, reserving to himself the Power of disposing of it, according to his own Mind, and when he should think there might be proper Occasion for it.

By this Munificence, this grand Cause is yet supported, and that charitable and generous Soul has the Pious Pleasure of being under God, the chief Instrument of saving it from sinking in this important Juncture and Crisis of its Affairs.

I hope this Account of the present State and Necessities of this infant Seminary, will move the Hearts of its Friends to renewed Acts of their Beneficence towards it, and amongst the many Ways, which their charitable Thoughts may suggest, I will mention only One, by which it is likely many who are favoured

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voured with a competency of this World's Goods, may contribute Relief; as to my Neceſſity for Cloathing for the Children of this School, without any very ſenſible Expence more than they have accuſtomed themſelves to, for the Relief of the Needy, who preſent themſelves from Time to Time, as Objects of their Charity, viz. by ſuch old Clothes, as they have put off, or by ſuch Remnants of Pieces, as Traders eſteem leſs valuable, becauſe they are leſs vendable, and yet, are ſuch as may employ a *Dorcas* to mend, or make them up into ſmall Garments for theſe Children.

THIS Country is yet too new for the Manufacture of much Cloathing, and the new Settlers generally too needy, to admit any Hopes of a Supply of this Neceſſity among ourſelves: And the Expence of Cloathing bought of our Traders, after it has paſſed through ſo many Hands, and each their Profits upon them, muſt neceſſarily be great.

GENTLEMEN in ſeveral diſtant Quarters, have ſometimes Opportunity by Carriages which are coming into this Country, to do themſelves the Pleaſure of miniſtring, as well as theſe needy Objects of receiving ſuch Relief. And, by their thus miniſtring to the Neceſſities, they may find, after many Days, the very Articles thus given, unexpectedly, and to their Surprize, regiſtered in their Favour, and acknowledged by their Judge, at their final Tryal, as being done to himſelf; when he ſhall openly pronounce them Bleſſed, and aſſign this as the Reaſon; *for I was naked, and ye cloathed me*, &c.

I EXPECT an Increaſe of my Number of Indian Children from the Province of *Quebec*, and particularly of Deſcendants from Captives among the Tribes there, before the next Winter as there are numbers in ſome of thoſe Tribes who appear to have

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have very favourable Sentiments of this School, and the charitable Design of it.

The late Regulation of the Constitution, and Disposal of the civil Affairs of that Province, seem much to discourage an extensive Mission into it, as was proposed and attempted last Year. However, it being properly encouraged by Authority there, the Difficulty of introducing a Missionary into their Metropolis, the great Town of *Cagbnawaga*, where are a considerable Number who favour Protestants, may not be insurmountable, if prudently conducted. And I think there is great Probability of Success, if a meet Person should be employed on such a Mission, as Numbers, in that and other Towns, seem really desirous to be taught the whole revealed Will of God; and seem to be so fully convinced of the Sincerety of our Intentions towards them, that their Prejudices appear to be in a great Measure, removed, and their Minds prepared to hear, and judge impartially for themselves, of the great Things which we would Teach them. I desire to wait upon God to prepare the Way for Mr. Dean's Labours there, the ensuing Season.

It appears to me to be of Importance properly to encourage Messieurs Johnson and Fowler, if they should, in the Capacity of Gospel Ministers, and also others, who may, in the Capacity of School Matters, accompany their Brethren in their new Settlements among the Six Nations.

There has been an Addition of 29 Students to this College, at, and since the last Commencement, (instead of Eight, who received the Honours of it, and left it last August) besides the Addition made to the School before mentioned.---And such an Increase of this Seminary, and the encouraging Prospects of its Utility, has, and likely will increase the Necessity of a new Building to accommodate the Students and as there is yet no suffi-

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ſufficient Proviſion otherwiſe made for this Neceſſity, I can't but indulge a pleaſing Thought, that there are Gentlemen, whom God hath honoured with Ability, and who are not forbid ſuch an Act of Charity by particular Connections, who, if they ſhould give themſelves the Trouble to enquire fully into the Neceſſity of this Caſe, would eſteem themſelves happy, in the opportunity to return the Honours and Bounties of Divine Providence, they have received to their great Benefactor, by a liberal Diſburſement for this Purpoſe. And I wiſh, I hope, and Pray, that this Paragraph may be kindly directed to the Eye of ſuch a benevolent Soul, and the hint induce him to conſider quite ſeriouſly, whether it is not a Matter well worthy his Attention, and Enquiry; and I am perſuaded, if he be once ſo far gained, he will not find either his Senſe of Obligation, or his Diſpoſition to ſuch an act of Charity, to be at all diminiſhed by a moſt thorough Examination, and the fulleſt Underſtanding of the Caſe.---For this Favour I wait upon God; and bow the Knee in humble Supplication, to the Fathor of Mercies, who has ſo ſignally owned his Inſtitution hitherto, and has enabled and diſpoſed Inſtruments, as there has been occaſion to miniſter Supplies, from Time to Time for its riſing Neceſſities, and who has the Diſpoſal of the Hearts, and Subſtance of all, as much as ever, in his Hands, and at his Sovereign controul.

And I would take this Opportunity, here publicly, to thank a great Number of my valuable and dear Friends on both Sides the Water, who have honoured and greatly obliged me with their kind Letters, but have received no Anſwer from me, & ſome Hundreds there likely are, who have been ſo treated by me, and whom I do now aſſure, have not received this Treatment, through any Want of Reſpect to their Perſons, nor through Want of the moſt grateful Sentiments of their Kindneſs, but only through Want of Leiſure for it-----Glad ſhould I have been to have returned the Kindneſs if it had been in my Power, and it is

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is always with Regret, that I reflect upon the loſs of the Pleaſure, and Profit of ſuch a Correſpondence, and the Reflection has been particularly Painful, when I have had Reaſon to fear that my Friends have not been knowing to the conſtant Crowd of my Affairs, as to be able to aſſign that, as the true and juſtifiable Reaſon of my Neglect. I hope in God, that my Affairs will by and by be ſo ſituate as to allow me more Leiſure.

And whereas, there are yet a Number of the generous Subſcribers for the Benefit and Support of this School, who have not yet paid what they promiſed, and alſo ſome others, who are otherwiſe indebted, and ought before now, to have ſettled their Accounts with me; and as many of them are at a Diſtance, I would take this Method to inform them, that the preſent Neceſſities of this School are ſuch as call for ſpeedy Payment of thoſe Debts.

I Believe I have found the Benefit of the Prayers of many of the Lovers of Zion for this Inſtitution, and I earneſtly beſpeak the Continuance of them, that God would graciouſly perfect what is yet wanting, and Build it up for the Glory of his own great Name.

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AN
AUTHENTICATED ACCOUNT

Of MONIES received and expended,

For the Use of the

Indian CHARITY-SCHOOL,

Incorporated with

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE,

From AUGUST 24th, 1773, to MARCH 20th 1775:

TO WHICH IS ADDED, AN

EARNEST RECOMMENDATION

Of this laudable Institution to the Munificence of the pious and benevolent, by his Excellency Governor WENTWORTH, and a Number of Hon. Gentlemen in the Province of *New-Hampshire.*

WITH

An APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

A short Narrative of the Mission of the Rev. *Mr. Levi Frisbie*, *Mr. James Deane*, and *Mr. Thomas Kendal*, to the Indians in the Province of *Quebec.*

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DR. The *Indian Charity School*, incorporated with *Dartmouth College*, from *August* 24, 1773, to *August* 24, 1774.

		£.	s.	d.
1773.	To Bal. Accounts adjusted this Day,	282	11	0
Aug. 25.	To Expence of printing the Continuation of the Narrative from *Sept.* 26, 1772, to *Sept.* 26, 1773.	26	5	0
	To Pocket Expences for three Missionaries, - - - - - -	76	10	0
	To Expence for Cloathing, Furniture, Labour, Provisions, Materials for Building, Support of Masters, making and mending, Journies, and other incidental Charges, - - - - - - -	1558	2	0
	To Expence for clearing Land, -	70	10	0
		£.2013	18	0

N. B. *The Cloathing, Horses, Furniture, &c. for three Missionaries, all except Money advanced for Pocket Expences, when they sat out on their respective Missions, are charged in the general Account of Cloathing, Furniture, &c. the Whole of which amounts to £.140.*

ELEAZAR WHEELOCK.

Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE, GRAFTON, ss. } September 9, 1774.

THEN the Rev'd ELEAZAR WHEELOCK, D.D. personally appeared before me the Subscriber, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace within and for said County, and made solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Account, and that the several Articles and Charges therein, have been applied to the Use of said School, according to the best of his Knowledge.

REZA WOODWARD.

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To Eleazar Wheelock, Contra, Cr.

		£.	s.	d.
1773.				
Oct. 6.	By a Bill of Exchange in Favour his Excellency John Wentworth, Esq;	131	5	0
17.	By Ditto in Favour Capt. Nat. Backus,	100	0	0
	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Peter Lanman,	60	0	0
	By Ditto in Favour Capt. Seth Wright,	50	0	0
Nov. 1.	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Peter Olcott,	60	0	0
Dec. 10.	By Ditto in Favour Moses Chase, Esq;	100	0	0
1774.	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Bela Turner,	50	0	0
Jan. 6.	By Ditto in Favour Joseph Root, Esq;	50	0	0
27.	By Ditto in Favour Ditto	32	13	0
	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Fellows Billings,	60	0	0
Feb. 17.	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Josiah Pomroy,	60	0	0
March 3.	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Aaron Storrs,	70	0	0
	By Ditto in Favour Beza Woodward, Esq;	50	0	0
29.	By Ditto in Favour Capt. Seth Wright,	100	0	0
April 16.	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Aaron Storrs,	68	0	0
25.	By Ditto in Favour Simeon Olcott, Esq;	75	0	0
27.	By Ditto in Favour Jona. Chase, Esq;	100	0	0
May 20.	By Ditto in Favour Capt. Nat. Backus,	100	0	0
June 9.	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Tho's. Johnson,	60	0	0
July 7.	By Ditto in Favour Jonath. Chase, Esq;	100	0	0
30.	By Ditto in Favour Moses Chase, Esq;	120	0	0
Aug. 4.	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Aaron Storrs,	42	0	0
	By Ballance carried to Dr. New Account,	375	0	0
		£. 2013	18	0

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Dr. The *Indian Charity School*, incorporated with *Dartmouth College*, from *August* 24, 1774, to *March* 20, 1775.

		£.	s.	d.
1774. Aug. 24.	To Ballance of Accounts adjusted this Day, - - - - -	375	0	0
1775. March 20.	To Cash paid for three Missionaries Support the Summer past, exclusive of what was charged when they sat out, - - -	75	0	0
	To Expence for Provisions, Cloathing, &c. for 30 Charity Scholars, for School-Master's Journies, making and mending, and other incidental Charges, - - -	515	2	0
	To Expence in clearing and seeding Lands at *Landaff*, for one Year and half past, not adjusted till now, building a Saw-Mill, preparing Materials for a Corn-Mill, and building a House,	247	1	9
	Sterling.	£. 1212	3	9
	To Ballance of Accounts adjusted this Day, - - -	584	3	9

ELEAZAR WHEELOCK.

Province of *New-Hampshire*, GRAFTON, ss. March 20, A. D. 1775.

THEN the Rev'd ELEAZAR WHEELOCK, D. D. personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace within and for said County, and made solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Account, and that the several Articles and Charges therein have been applied to the Use of said School according to the best of his Knowledge.

EZRA WOODWARD.

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To Elkazar Wheelock, Contra, Cr.

1774.		£.	s.	d.
June 17.	By a Set of Bills on John Thornton, Esq; in favour Rev'd Levi Frisbie,	200	0	0
Aug. 29.	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Gershom Breed, - - - -	80	0	0
	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Jabez Bingham, - - -	50	0	0
Sept. 12.	By Ditto in Favour Captain Aaron Storrs, - - -	58	0	0
Oct. 21.	By Ditto in Favour Col. Jonathan Chase, - - -	100	0	0
14.	By Ditto in Favour Mr. Daniel Ely,	65	0	0
17.	By Ditto in Favour Mr. John Hubbard,	75	0	0
	By Ballance carried to Dr. a New Account,	584	3	9
	Sterling.	£.1212	3	9

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To his EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORIH, ESQUIRE,

Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of *New-Hampshire.*

THE MEMORIAL OF

ELEAZAR WHEELOCK, D. D.

President of the School at Hanover, in said Province,

Prayeth,

THAT your Excellency will be pleased to appoint and direct some suitable Person or Persons to inspect, examine, and audit sundry Accounts of Monies received and expended by your Memorialist, for the Use of the said School, between the Twenty Fourth Day of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Three, and the Twenty Fourth Day of August One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Four.

And your Memorialist shall ever Pray.

Eleazar Wheelock,

Hanover, Sept. 9th, 1774.

PROVINCE

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L. S.

To JOHN HURD, JONATHAN CHASE, *and* ELISHA PAYNE, Esq'rs.

APPLICATION having been made to me by the Reverend *Eleazer Wheelock*, D. D. of Hanover, in the Province aforesaid, that Auditors may be appointed to inspect, examine and audit an Account of Monies received and expended by him, the said *Eleazer Wheelock*, for the Use and Purposes of an Indian Charity School, under his Direction, at Hanover aforesaid.

You are therefore hereby required and authorized, faithfully and strictly to inspect and examine such Accounts as may be exhibited to you by the said *Eleazar Wheelock*, and forthwith make Return of your Doings herein.

Given under my Hand, and Seal, this Seventeenth Day of September, in the Fourteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

JOHN WENTWORTH.

To

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PROVINCE of NEW-HAMPSHIRE. } At *Hanover*, in the County of *Grafton*, March Twenty, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five.

IN Purſuance of the within Warrant, to us directed we have carefully examined the annexed Accounts, and compared the ſeveral Charges therein, with the original Entries of Particulars, and living in the ſame Province, are of Opinion that the Prices of the Articles are juſt and reaſonable; and by the beſt Obſervation, being now on the Spot, we believe that the Donations and Monies therein credited, have been uſed and applied with Prudence and Œconomy. And we find that no Charge has been made in the ſaid Account, for Dr. *Wheelock's* Time, conſtant Fatigue, Care and Trouble, in tranſacting and managing the arduous affairs of the School.

JONATHAN CHASE.
ELISHA PAYNE.

N. B. John Hurd, Eſq; was providentially detained from attending at the Time appointed for Examining the foregoing Accounts.

By

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY

L. S.

JOHN WENTWORTH, ESQ;

Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Vice Admiral of the same.

THESE Certify that *Bezaleel Woodward*, Esq; before and by whom the annexed account of Doctor *Wheelock* is sworn to and certified, is a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of *Grafton* in said Province of *New-Hampshire*, duly and regularly commissioned, and is a proper Officer for Administring such Oath and certifying the same.---Therefore full Faith and Credit is and ought to be given to such his Transactions both in Court and without.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, I have caused the Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed, this 17th Day of September, in in the 14th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, GEORGE the Third, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And in the Year of our LORD CHRIST, 1774.

JOHN WENTWORTH.

By his Excellency's Command,
THEODORE ATKINSON, *Sec'ry.*

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WE whose Names are hereunto annexed, from personal Acquaintance, or credible Information, are fully satisfied, that the generous Donations, made by the liberal and charitably disposed, both in *Great-Britain* and *America*, for the Support of the Indian Charity School, founded and carried on by the Reverend ELEAZAR WHEELOCK, D. D. and now connected with *Dartmouth College*, have been carefully, conscientiously and prudently applied, solely for the Purpose of propagating christian Knowledge, among the Indian Natives of *America*: and that the growth, progress, and present flourishing State of that School, much exceed our most sanguine Expectations

WE esteem it also a very signal Smile of Heaven, that GOD did incline the Hearts of Gentlemen in *England*, of such respectable Characters, to become Trustees of the Monies there collected, for the Use and Benefit of that Seminary, and in that Capacity, to distinguish themselves its atrons and Benefactors, which has contributed not only greatly to its Encouragement and Furtherance, but also much to that Reputation, which it has so generally obtained.

AND we trust in the supreme Benefactor, still to dispose the Hearts of the pious and benevolent, who are honored with Ability, to extend their Munificence towards a Design so good and laudable, and especially for the Relief of its present Exigencies, as Charities will perhaps never be more seasonable, or beneficial than at present. And considering the Situation of that Institution, and the Blessings of Heaven which have evidently attended it, we apprehend the present Prospect of its Utility, ought warmly to invite the Benefactions of all, who are disdosed

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disposed to promote the interests of Religion and Learning, in those Places where Ignorance and Paganism, have in Times past reigned triumphant.

His Excellency
JOHN WENWORTH, Esquire,
Governor of *New Hampshire*.

The Hon. Theodore Atkinson, Esq;
The Hon. Daniel Warner, Esq;
The Hon. Mark H. Wentworth Esq;
The Hon. Jonathan Warner, Esq;
The Hon. Daniel Rogers, Esq;
The Hon. Daniel Rindge, Esq;
The Hon. Peter Gilman, Esq;
The Hon. George Jaffry, Esq;
The Hon. John Sherburne, Esq;
The Hon. John Phillips, Esq;
The Hon. William Parker, Esq;
Hunking Wentworth, Esq;
Samuel Penhallow, Esq;
John Wendell, Esq; *Not. Pub.*

} COUNSELLORS of the Province of *New-Hampshire*.

February 23d, 1775.

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APPENDIX.

A SHORT ACCOUNT OF THE MISSION OF THE REVEREND Mr. *Levi Frisbie*, Mr. *James Dean*, and Mr. *Thomas Kendall*, TO THE *INDIANS*, IN THE PROVINCE OF *QUEBEC*.

BEING,

An ABSTRACT from the Journal of the Former. 1774.

Saturday, June 18th, 1774. SET out from *Dartmouth College* on a Miſſion to the Indians in the Province of *Quebec*, attended by *Thomas Walcut*, a Member of *Dartmouth College*, who is intended for a Miſſionary among the Indians---The Deſign of his going with me is, That he may be left at ſome one of the Indian Towns, in order to gain an Acquaintance with their Language and Cuſtoms, that he may be the better fitted for Service amongſt them.

WEDNES-

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WEDNESDAY, *June* 29th. Arrived at *Montreal* just about Sunset, after a pretty expeditious though toilsome Journey.

Montreal, Thursday *June* 30th. Waited on Dr. *Huntley*, the most eminent Physician in this Town, who very politely offers me his friendly Assistance in any Matters I shall have Occasion to transact.

P. M. Visited Mr. *Dean* at his Lodgings, where I also fortunately met with Mr, *Kendall*.---These two young Gentlemen left *Dartmouth College* near a month before I did, and have been some Time in this Town---Mr. *Kendall* is about to take an Indian School at *Kaghnawaga*, the chief Indian Village in these Parts---and Mr. *Dean* designs on a Mission to the Western Indian Tribes near the Lakes *Erie* and *Superior*, for which End he has made an Attempt to take the Small Pox by Inoculation; but begins strongly to suspect it will prove ineffectual by Reason of the Oldness of the Infection.

LORD'S DAY. *July* 3d. Attended public Worship, in the Forenoon, with the Church of *England*. P. M. Preached a Sermon in the Court-House, (the Protestants having no Church in this Town) to a small Audience of the English Inhabitants.

MONDAY the 4th. Rode up to *Lashun*, a French Village about nine Miles above *Montreal*, crossed the River to *Kaghnawaga*, and put up at one Mr. *Stacy's* an English Captive, who resides there, and who has a Son at Dr. *Wheelock's* School.----In the Evening some of the Indians came to visit us, and bid us Welcome to their Town.

TUESDAY 5th. Called the Chiefs of the Town together, and delivered them a Speech, the Substance of which was, That we were sent out by Doctor *Wheelock* and other Gentlemen,

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men, to visit them, and see their Situation and Circumstances --to make a Proposal to them of sending their Children to the Indian Charity School, and of School-Masters and Missionaries coming among them if they desired it---also, of putting *Thomas Walcutt* at some of their Towns, for the Purposes before mentioned---and, among other Things, took Occasion to observe to them the Excellency and Importance of Religion, and advised them to search critically into the Grounds and Evidences of the Religion they now profess---and for that End, to gain some Knowledge of the Scriptures; and especially to teach their Children to read them, by receiving a School-Master among them, or sending them to the Charity School in *New-England*, which was designed for that Purpose.

When I had concluded, Mr. *Dean* delivered them another Speech in their own Language, much to the same Purpose, which very much excited their Attention and Applause; as it was matter of great Surprize to them to hear an Englishman speak their Tongue with such Facility and Correctness, and so much in the Stile and Spirit of their own Orators.---The Indians returned us their Thanks for the Pains we had taken to visit them, and appeared to be well pleased with what we had said, and especially with our Design of leaving *Thomas Walcutt* at some of their Towns to learn their Language and Customs--- Some of the Indians seemed a good deal inquisitive about Matters of Religion; one of them, in particular, held a long Conversation with Mr. *Dean*; asked hin a Number of Questions, especially concerning the Prohibition of Marriage among the Romish Clergy, and seemed to be convinced that some of their Tenets were invented only to promote their own selfish Designs.

After consulting the Indians, and deliberating upon the Matter.

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Matter, we concluded it would be best to carry Master *Walcutt* to *Kanasadage*, an Indian Village, about Thirty Miles further up the River, and leave him there, as that Village was composed of Indians fr m various Tribes, and a considerable Part of them came from the Westward, and therefore his understanding their Language might qualify him for a Mission among the Tribes about, and beyond the great Lake.

WEDNESDAY, *July* 6th. This Morning hired a couple of Indians to take us in a Canoe up to *Kanasadage*.

THURSDAY 7th. 11 o'Clock A. M. arrived at *Kanasadage*---Made it our first Business to enquire after one Mr. *Lyons* an Englishman, who lives at that Place, and on whom we depended to assist us in accomplishing our Designs, and also to attend Mr. *Dean* in Character of a Guide and Interpreter, should he make a Tour to the Westward; but found to our no small Disappointment, that he was gone on a trading Voyage among the distant Indians.

AFTER some Deliberation repaired to a French House in the Village, where we were soon visited by one of the Chiefs of that Part of it, which is inhabited by the *Episangs*, as they are called by the French; but the Indians gave them the Name of *Rodiroondacks*.---We desired him to call the Council of the *Rodiroondacks* together, as we had something of Importance to communicate to them---We chose to put Master *Walcutt* with these Indians, (who constitute near half the Village) because their Language is said to be understood by the Tribes far to the Westward. In about an Hour the Council was assembled in a large House in the middle of the Town, called the War, or Counsel House, which had for its Sign an Indian Scalp, elevated upon a long Pole---They sent us Word that they waited our Atten-

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Attendance. We repaired to the Council House, and found them assembled to the Number of about Thirty or Forty, with their two Priests among them.

After some introductory Ceremonies, Mr. *Dean* delivered them the following Speech in the *Kaghnawaga* Language, which the most of them understood :---" Now, Brother, I have kindled a Fire * in your Council House, and desired you to assemble round about it---I come, my Brother, from a great Distance to the Eastward, being sent by the great Man † who lives by the great Lake ‡ ; and also by the great Minister who both have hold of the same Noose ‖ --I am very glad, that the great Being, who presides in Heaven, has protected me in all the Way in which I have come, and that I now see you in Health and Peace ---Now, Brother, § attend, and hold your Ear to a few Words, I have to say to you---The great Man and the great Minister who have sent me, have a particular Regard for the Indians, and have, therefore, sent me out to visit you, and see if you live in Peace and Happiness---and have sent a young Man along with me, whom they desire may live among you, and learn your Language, and the young man will be well pleased with it----if you like it, I propose to put him into some of your Families and leave him with you---as soon as he hath learn'd your Language well, I design he shall leave you, if you dont chuse to have him tarry any longer among you.----Now, Brother, I would have you take these Things into Consideration, and

* This Manner of Expression is taken from the Indian Custom of kindling a large Fire, whenever they assemble to consult upon Matters of Importance.

† Governor *Wentworth*. ‡ The Sea.

‖ A metaphorical Expression to denote two Persons carrying the same Plan into Execution.

§ It might have been noted in the Beginning of the Speech that 'tis the Custom of the Indians for the Speaker, to address the Council in the singular Number.

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and consult coolly and deliberately upon them---and then let me know your Conclusion. Now, Brother, this is the whole of the Matter, concerning which I had to speak to you."---- After the Conclusion of the Speech, we withdrew, as did also the Priests, and left the Indians to consult together upon the Business. In about an Hour, there came to us six of the Council, and brought with them an Interpreter---they first repeated over our Speech, to see if they perfectly understood it, and finding they did, they returned in Answer to it, That the Soil and Houses of that Town were chiefly the Property of the Priests, who were their Fathers and Directors, and that they acted nothing without their Advice and Approbation, that therefore if we intended to accomplish our Design we must apply to them---And now, Brother, added they, (in Reference to what Mr. *Dean* had said at the Beginning of his Speech) the fire is gone out.

This Answer we look'd upon, as a Denial of our Request, as the Indians generally give an evasive Answer to a Proposal they don't choose to comply with---and as for the Priests, we knew them too well to think an Application to them would be in the least successful; and we had the highest Reason to think, that the Indians had been directed by them respecting the Answer they should return us.------We did not think best to say any Thing to the Indians, at this Place, upon the Subject of Religion, lest we should alarm their Jealousies and stir up the Priests against us, and so frustrate our chief Design, which was to leave *Thomas Walcut* among them.

The Town of *Kanasedage* contains, perhaps, about Three Hundred Souls, the Inhabitants have been collected by the Priests from various Tribes of Indians---The Priests, as has been already observed, are Proprietors of the Soil, and a great Part of the Houses in the Town, so that the Indians have all the Motives resulting from Religion and temporal Interests to adhere closely and invariably to their Priests and their Profession

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---and it might, perhaps, be worthy the Consideration of those Gentlemen, who are engaged in civilizing & christianizing the Savages, whether the Romish Clergy have not hit upon the most effectual Method to accomplish such an important Design ---They have first obtained a Grant of a Tract of Land; persuaded a few Indian Families to settle upon it---assisted them in building Houses, and cultivating the Soil---supplied them with many of the Necessaries of Life, and so, by these Means, have allured Others from various Tribes to come and settle with them till their Towns have increased to a large Number of Inhabitants ---and the Savages are thus taught to esteem them, as their Landlords, their Fathers, and Benefactors---and to pay a great Reverence and strict Obedience to their Directions, Instructions and Commands---and if Protestant Missionaries were enabled to take the same Methods, what Reason can be given why they should not meet with equal Success?

Thursday, *July* 7th. P. M. went a Board the Canoe, and set off on our Return to *Montreal*, where we arrived next Day about Noon.

Friday the 8th. Conclude 'tis most adviseable that Mr. *Dean* go down to *St. Francois*, with *Thomas Wallcut*, and leave him at that Town, as the Language of that Tribe is said to be understood by many other distant Indians.

Thursday, *July* 12th. Mr. *Dean* set out with *Thomas Wallcut* for *St. Francois*, and returned the 21st. He informs me, That he left Master *Wallcut* at that Place, and that the most of the Indians there are well satisfied with his living among them; That *Pere German* is much pleased with it, & engages to afford him his friendly Protection and Assistance---That he proposed to the Indians there to send some of their Sons to the School, and they have agreed to send four or five with us when we return.

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return. Mr. *Dean* concludes not to purſue his Miſſion to the Weſtward this Year for the following Reaſons :

1. Mr. *Lyons*, whom he had great Expectation of having for a Guide and Interpreter, cannot be obtained as he is abſent on a trading Voyage among the Indians.

2. The Expences of ſuch a Tour, at preſent, will be very great---A large Canoe muſt be bought; three Men and a Pilot hired to navigate her---Proviſions for half a Year or more muſt be purchaſed at a dear Rate, &c. whereas, ſhould he go up with the Indian Traders early next Spring, the Expences would be almoſt nothing. We underſtand from good Authority, that there is no ſmall Probability of the Weſtern Indians breaking out in a War with the Engliſh----But the chief Reaſon is, that before a Miſſionary can arrive in that Country, the Indians will all be gone out on their Fall hunt, and therefore nothing can be done with them till the enſuing Spring.

Tuesday, 9th *Auguſt* Rode to *Kaghnawaga* to viſit the Indians. Mr. *Dean* converſed with Numbers occaſionally, and endeavoured to inſtruct them into the Knowledge of thoſe religious Matters, about which they were inquiſitive. Mr. *Dean* ſet out again for *Kanaſadage*, to converſe with Mr. *Lyons* about the Weſtern Tour, which he propoſes to undertake next Year.

Saturday, *Auguſt* 13th, Mr. *Dean* returned from *Kanaſadage* ---informs me, That he ſaw Mr. *Lyons*, who talks favourably about purſuing the intended Tour next Year---and that the Indians there appeared very jealous of his coming again to that Town. Alſo, that he preached a Sermon at *Kaghnawaga*, to which the Indians gave great Attention---and ſome of them afterwards invited him to preach to them again. They appear deſirous of Hearing, and inquiſitive after Truth, ſo that, with the Approbation of civil Government, it might, perhaps not be difficult to introduce a Proteſtant Miſſionary among them.

August

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AUGUST 21st. Set Sail for *Quebec*, where we arrived the 26th, the 30th rode to *Loretto*, an *Indian* Town about 9 Miles West of *Quebec*;---waited on the King or chief Sachem of the Town, who appears to be a good deal civilized, & very sensible & compliasant for an *Indian*.---Mr. *Dean* gave him a particular Account of the School in *New-England*, with which he appeared well pleased---and some other *Indians* seemed desirous of sending their Children with us, but were afraid of the *Jesuits*, who had threatened to leave them if they sent their Children among the Heretics for an Education.---We thought not best to urge the Matter, but leave them to act according to their own Inclination.

FRIDAY Sept. 2d. Waited on Governor *Cramahe*, in order to gain his Approbation and Assistance in prosecuting a Mission to the Western *Indians*.-----He gave some Encouragement---said he would take the Matter into further Consideration, & write to Governor *Wentworth*, concerning it.---In the Evening preached a Sermon to the Methodists in this Town, they attended with great Earnestness and Devotion; and are, in Judgment of Charity, sincere Christians; their Number is about 20, composed chiefly of Soldiers and their Wives.

LORD'S DAY, Sept. 4th. Preached for Mr. *Henry* the Presbyterian Minister---went in the Evening to attend the Methodists Meeting---they proceed very decently and devoutly in their religious Exercises, and I cannot but entertain a good Opinion of their Zeal and Piety; 'tis a great Pity they are not more favoured and encouraged by others.

MONDAY Sept. 5th. Expected an *Indian* from *Loretto* who had been with us before, and gave Encouragment to send a Number of Boys to the School, but he hath not yet come in.

TUESDAY 6th. Set off with Mr. *Dean* for *St. Francois*,----- arrived there Thursday Sept. 8th.

FRIDAY

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FRIDAY 9th. We are informed that the *Indians* continue steadfast in their Resolution to send a Number of their Sons to the School, altho' some of their Brethren, together with the neighbouring *French* People, have endeavoured to disuade them from it.---In the Evening *Joseph Lewis Gill*, the Chief Sachem of the Town, came to visit us, he is an *Englishman* by Blood. tho' an *Indian* by Education, being descended from two *English* Captives, who about 70 or 80 Years ago, were, in their Childhood brought Prisoners to this Town, grew up and became naturaliz'd among the *Indians*, married together and had Six or Seven Children, who were inter-married among the *Savages*, and have a Number of Children by them, Three of which are to go with us to the School; *Joseph*, the aforementioned Sachem, also sends a Son, which he has by a *French* Wife; an *Indian* Woman, whom he had before, having been killed by Major *Rogers* when he destroyed this Town.---*Joseph's* Wife and her *French* Relations are very much against his sending his Son, they tell him that the Boy will turn Heretic, and be ruined forever; but he encourages himself and his Brethren and Sisters against these Insinuations, by telling them, that GOD will preserve their Children, and lead them in the right Way, and when they are instructed in both the Papist and Protestant Religions they will be capable of choosing that which is best---with much more to the same Purpose.

LORD'S DAY, Sept. 11th. This Evening the little Boys who are to accompany us came to see us and learn when we determined to set our for *New-England*.---They seem very fond of the Journey; and look like fine sprightly Lads; the oldest is not above Fifteen Years old; and they all have a good share of *English* Blood in their Veins.

MONDAY 12th. Set out for *Montreal* in a Canoe, with our Four little Boys, who were very joyful at our Departure.---Their Mothers bid them farewell with great Tenderness and Affection, but

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but without any appearance of Sorrow or Rregret, at parting with them.----Called upon *Pere German*, the *Jesuit*, who is Missionary at *St. Francois*; he treated us with great Complaisance and many tokens of Friendship---seems to be generous, catholic, and benevolent in his Principles and Behaviour---approved of our taking the *Indian* Boys, gave them some good Advice; and wished a prosperous Journey. *Joseph Lewis*, and an *Indian*, his Brother-in-Law, with some others, went down with us in a Canoe to the Mouth of the River, took leave of their Sons with an affectionate Satisfaction, committed them to our Care with a great Appearance of Confidence in our Fidelity and Friendship, and then returned with *Thomas Wallcutt*, who is to tarry at their Town all Winter; we set off for *Montreal*, and arrived there after much bad Weather, on Wednesday 14th September.

Saturday Sept. 17th. Left *Montreal* and arrived at *Darmouth College* the 6th of October, after a long and tedious Journey.

N. B. In this short Extract from my Journals, I have only given a very brief Sketch of those Things, which immediately respected the *Indians*, thinking unnecessary to mention any other Transactions and Occurrences, however interesting and important.

THE END.

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